

MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

December 14, 2010

“National Volunteer Week,” as proclaimed by the President of the United States for April 10 through 16, 2011, recognizes the outstanding contributions made by individuals across the country to various community-based programs, non-profit organizations, neighborhood projects and local government agencies.

The County of Los Angeles has an active Volunteer Program, created in 1981, which now spans 37 Departments and the Los Angeles Superior Court. County volunteers do not replace or serve as a substitute for employees. Instead, volunteers perform assignments that otherwise would not get done.

**“Volunteers: Sparks of Light”** will be the theme of the 2011 County Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards luncheon, scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2011, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center. County volunteers are deserving of public recognition for their hard work, dedication and commitment to helping the County carry out its motto, “to enrich lives through effective and caring service.”

Last year, 37,654 individuals donated 2.7 million volunteer hours to County departments. According to calculations of the Independent Sector, a national organization which establishes the value of volunteer hours, the County’s 2009 volunteer hours are valued at \$55.1 million, a tremendous savings for the County.

The Volunteer Program also fulfills key aspects of the County’s Strategic Plan,

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including Operational Effectiveness, Children, Family and Adult Well-Being and Community and Municipal Services.

Volunteer program activities for next year also include the annual Volunteer Insurance Workshop, conducted in the fall, and the Winter Volunteer Program planning meeting.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Proclaim Monday, April 11, 2011 as “**Volunteers: Sparks of Light**” Day throughout the County of Los Angeles; and
2. Authorize the Chief Executive Office to appropriate \$35,000 for the 2011 County Volunteer Program, including the annual Volunteer of the Year recognition and awards luncheon, the annual Fall Volunteer Program Insurance Workshop on September 29, 2011, conducted by the Chief Executive Office, Risk Management Division, and the Volunteer Network Winter Planning meeting on Thursday, January 13, 2011; and
3. Request that the County departmental volunteer coordinators submit to the Chief Executive Office, Office of Workplace Programs each quarter reports on the number of volunteer hours donated to their departments; and
4. Request that the Chief Executive Office and Internal Services Department provide the necessary support for the 2011 County Volunteer Program; and
5. Waive the \$1,200 rental fee, excluding cost of liability insurance, for use of the Grand Hall and Lobby, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion of the Music Center for the April 11, 2011 Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards luncheon; and
6. Waive parking fees in the amount of \$1,750, excluding cost of liability insurance, at the Music Center garage for honorees and other luncheon guests attending the Volunteer of the Year Recognition and Awards luncheon on Monday, April 11, 2011; and
7. Waive parking fees in the amount of \$255, excluding liability insurance, for parking at the Music Center on January 13, 2011, for Volunteer Program coordinators attending the Winter Planning Meeting; and

8. Waive parking fees in the amount of 255, excluding liability insurance, for parking at the Music Center on September 29, 2011, for Volunteer Program coordinators attending the Volunteer Program Insurance Workshop.

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